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Like Prehistoric Dwellings.

M. Henneberg, a great silk manufacturer, who recently retired from business, has built for himself on Lake Constance a habitation exactly after the model of a prehistoric lake dwelling shown in the Zurich museum. The building, which is about 200 feet off the coast of the lake, rests upon piles a few yards above the level of the water. It consists of only one room, and its framework is made from the wood of the yew tree. Around this room a gallery extends of a width of some five or seven feet. The wall consists of willow wicker-work and mud plaster, the floor of hard mud and plaited willow, and the ceiling of pressed straw. The walls are ornamented with designs drawn with coal and bullock's blood.

The Toreador Was "Game."

The death of the famous Spanish toreador, Reverte, recalls to the London Globe one of the most thrilling incidents ever witnessed in the arena. It was at Bayonne. After disposing of two bulls, Reverte and twice plunged his sword into a third, of great strength and ferocity, and as the beast continued rearing wildly, the spectators began to hiss Reverte for bungling. Wounded to the very quick of his pride, the Spaniard shouted, "The bull is slain!" and, throwing aside his sword, sank on one knee with folded arms in the middle of the ring. He was right, but he had not allowed for the margin of accident. The wounded beast charged full upon him, but the matador plied to the last, knelt motionless as a statue, while the spectators held their breath in horrified suspense. Reaching his victim, the bull literally bounded at him, and he sprang he sank in death, with his last effort giving one fearful lunge of the head that drove a horn into the thigh of the kneeling man and laid bare the bone from the knee to the joint. Still Reverte never flinched, but remained kneeling, exultant in victory, but calmly contemptuous of applause, till he was carried away to heal him of his grievous wound.

Progress of Medical Women.

It will surprise many readers to be told, on the authority of Dr. Katherine G. Townsend, writing in the October Everybody's Magazine, that the average number of medical women graduates each year is about 900, and it is estimated that there are nearly 6000 women physicians practicing in this country. Years ago a medical woman had a hard time to make ends meet with the proceeds of her labor. At this period each large city will show the names of several who are earning five, ten, fifteen and twenty thousand dollars annually. Fifty-five years ago this country had not one woman physician. Colleges would not graduate them; men abominated them, and women had a contempt for them. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to gain a diploma from a medical college. She was graduated from Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., in 1849, but it was not until she had applied to twelve colleges that the "sacred" portals were open to her.

A girl with a dimple will laugh at any fool thing a man says.

The Vogue of Gray Hair.

Women who have gone to the trouble and expense of bleaching or dyeing their hair have had a hair trouble for nothing. Natural colored hair is the fashion of the winter, and if illness, trouble, sudden fright, shock or any other cause has, perchance, turned hair gray, so much the better; gray hair, and even gray to whiteness, is the most desirable of all. This is because many of the leaders of society in New York are nearing middle age, and their refined tastes have prevented the changing the color of their hair for the purpose of concealing a advancing age. Mrs. Astor, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. F. P. Gray, and Mrs. William C. Vanderbilt, who is taking her place in New York society, all have hair that is quite gray. Many women high in social rank of Gotham who might be classed "women of fifty" or thereabouts are considered reigning beauties because of their beautiful gray hair. This is a delightful winter for middle aged women. Blondes, brunettes, betwixt and between, Titian tressed, and women with every colored hair but gray, are crazy to have it gray. Powdered wigs may be the outcome.

Slap for Rockefeller, Jr.

A remark by one of his hearers caused John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to dismiss the young men's Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church in New York recently without ceremony. Rockefeller had just finished talking about charitable giving, when a man arose and said:

"Mr. Rockefeller, just one word—"

"I beg your pardon, sir," said Rockefeller; "We are very late now, and we won't have time for any discussion."

"Just one word, Mr. Rockefeller," and every eye was fixed up on the tall man with long lock and drooping mustache; "I just want to say that perhaps as soon as some of us cease taking from others we can give with better grace."

Mr. Rockefeller turned to the orchestra and said: "We'll have the music omitted today; we're late. We will now hear the announcements for the week by the secretary."

Politics and Prayers.

The following dialogue is said to have occurred between a big Tammany politician and one of his "men" on a Sunday morning when Van Wyck was running things. It may have a bearing on the incoming administration: "Charley, how do we stand?" "What did we take in last week?" "All told, \$650. I made Skedder's poolroom fork up \$100; Grapevine cottage, \$50; Carrie Quaker, \$150; that Greek banana peddler on the corner, \$10; Gibbon & Praly's faro bank, \$100; Mazie Brown, \$150; Pat Allen's saloon, \$25; Big Aleck's saloon, \$25; Kid Seebert's saloon, \$25; Brock, the night-bawker, \$5; Sally, the hot-corn girl, \$5; Got the rhino with you?" "Sure; here it is—\$650." "That ain't so bad; times are picking up, Charley. Here's \$100 for you; I'll divide the rest among the boys. Now let's go to prayers."

Across Atlantic in Small Boat.

Captain Ludwig Eisenbraun claims the distinction of having skippered the smallest craft that ever sailed across the Atlantic. The voyage was made single handed in a nineteen-foot centerboard boat called Columbia II., and the passage occupied fifty-six days from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Madeira. The frail little boat and her plucky captain were severely buffeted by the rollers of the North Atlantic and during a heavy gale in mid-ocean Columbia II. was badly knocked about. Her rudder and tiller, a sea anchor and a watch used in the navigation of the boat were carried away. All his provisions were also spoiled, and the captain entered in his log that "he lost everything but hope." The British steamer Greenbriar was spoken and the watch replaced and a fresh supply of provisions and water taken on board. On another occasion the adventurer reports that he collided with a sleeping whale, fortunately however, without any serious consequences. Columbia II., which will probably proceed to London and thence to the St. Louis Exposition, is a square-stern, flush-decked boat, and is nineteen feet long by six feet beam. She draws only ten inches of water, and carried a mainsail and foresail only. Captain Eisenbraun originally started from Boston with a crew, but the crew which consisted of one man, refused to accompany the captain farther than Halifax.

Naturalizing a Russian.

England is always glad to get another citizen, but sometimes she goes about it in a strange manner, according to the Springfield Republican. A sailor recently deserted from a Russian battleship and joined an English crew on a faraway island. He told them that he was tired of the rule of the czar and wanted to become an English citizen. They were at a loss how to naturalize him, but finally each one threw a bucket of water on him and so washed off the Russian.

Decorating Berlin Schools.

The committee of the Berlin town council in charge of the primary schools have taken a novel decision with regard to school decoration. The proposal is to spend 10,000 marks every year for eight years, with the object of painting frescoes on the walls of classrooms and corridors. These pictures will be simple in character and will represent for the most part scenes in German history. Before, however, the plan can be carried out, experiments will be made in three selected schools.

The Pope to Be Free.

Rumor has it in Turin that Pope Pius X. does not intend to remain "the prisoner of the Vatican" like his two predecessors. It is said that some time next fall he will come out of retirement and will even leave Rome for a time. This is believed to be in accord with the views of what is known as the Venetian party in the Vatican. Final decision in the matter has not yet been reached. The Roman party in the college of cardinals is much opposed to such a step, but Pius X. is a very determined man.

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Arrive Detroit	6:08 p m	7:50 a m	4:05 a m
Arrive Niagara Falls	7:00 p m	8:00 a m	3:30 p m
Arrive Buffalo	8:30 a m	10:10 a m	5:20 p m
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